

My ministers will propose a variety of measures which will further increase employment and raise the standard of living by strengthening and expanding the primary and secondary industries of Canada.

In 1963 the Speech from the Throne said that there was to be established a Department of Industry which would foster industrial expansion and to which industry could look for consultation, stimulus and assistance.

The same applies to 1965 and goes back to 1964 and 1963. There was to be established an area development agency to work with the provincial governments and other organizations to co-ordinate programs for parts of the country where, because of chronic unemployment, a special thrust for development is needed.

Here I would like to say a word or two about the province of Newfoundland from which I come, and give you some idea of how beneficial these programs outlined in the last three Speeches from the Throne were to that province. I am going to quote again from APEC, the Newsletter from the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council.

Newfoundland, you know, is part of Canada. When we speak of Canada we include that province in the same way as we include Prince Edward Island and all other provinces. The total of investments in Newfoundland dropped from \$261 million in 1962 to \$236 million in 1963. In 1964 it dropped to \$235 million. It is forecast that for 1965 the total investment will be in the nature of \$196 million. In other words, there has been a drop of \$65 million in the total yearly investments over the period. It does not appear to me, therefore, that these plans of the present Government did very much to increase the industrial development of Newfoundland.

Again I quote from the same newsletter:

Construction expenditures in Newfoundland are to fall from \$166 million to \$138 million...

In the same Newsletter we find the per capita figures for new investment expenditure in the various Atlantic provinces and of Canada as a whole. For the whole of Canada the per capita investment expenditures increased from \$469 in 1962 to \$563 in 1964. For the four Atlantic provinces it increased from \$366 in 1962 to \$405 in 1964; in New Brunswick, from \$294 in 1962 to \$416 in 1964; in Nova Scotia, from \$299 in 1962 to \$351 in 1964. However, in Prince Edward Island—and the honourable senator opposite (Hon.

Mrs. Inman) will pardon my reference to her province—the new per capita investment was \$401 in 1962, and it dropped to \$388 in 1964. In Newfoundland, new investment expenditures per capita in 1962 reached \$556 per capita and dropped to \$478 in 1964.

It will be seen, therefore, that the capital investments in the two provinces of Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland have dropped. Is that because the present federal Government has been aiding the industrial development of these areas, or what is the cause? I suppose we can only come to the conclusion that the present Government's effort to increase the economy of those two provinces, since it came into office, has not been beneficial in bringing about increased prosperity and the provision of new jobs for the unemployed.

Speaking of the unemployed, in the City of St. John's, Newfoundland, a strike of long-shoremen has been in existence for many months. The federal Governments of the past few years have spent some \$22 million to make the Port of St. John's really beautiful. A wonderful job was done but, unfortunately, this strike is holding up practically all the shipping in that area.

Since the Port of St. John's now comes under the jurisdiction of the federal Government, it should step in and make serious effort to put an end to this strike, which is crippling the whole port. The federal Government has not done so yet, to my knowledge. Therefore, I would suggest to the honourable Leader of the Government that he mention this fact to the appropriate member of the Government who might take an interest in it. I am not saying the members of the Government do not take an interest, but I suggest they should do something to end the drastic situation in St. John's.

Honourable senators, on the question of rural development, you will find that in the recent Speech from the Throne Parliament will be asked:

to approve the creation of a fund for rural economic development and, in order to provide for fuller integration of action for rural development, amendments to the legislation regarding ARDA...

are to be placed before Parliament. In the Speech from the Throne in 1964, we find:

A measure will be placed before you to provide for a minister responsible for Rural Development, in order that my Government may carry further its policy of giving increased attention to the needs